IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s) : Martin R. Elliott et al.

Serial No. : 10/650,479

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For : METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR SUPPLYING

SUBSTRATES TO A PROCESSING TOOL

Examiner : Michael S. Lowe

Group Art Unit: 3652
Confirmation No.: 6122

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME PURSUANT TO 37 CFR § 1.17 (a)

Sir:

Applicants respectfully request a three-month extension of time in which to respond to the Examiner's Office Action mailed October 9, 2007 in which a three-month period for response expired on January 9, 2008. After granting the Request for a three-month extension of time, the response period will expire on April 9, 2008.

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Please charge \$1050.00 to the credit card number being submitted via EFS-web to cover the three-month extension fee.

 $$\operatorname{No}$ other fees are believed necessary, however if additional fees are required please charge Deposit Account No. 04-1696.

Respectfully submitted,

- James on

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Dated: April 9, 2008 Hawthorne, New York